Unrecognised Public Schools in Delhi

3395. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are a number of public schools in Delhi run by certain individuals or group of persons/institutions wherein different rates of fees are charged from the students in line with those of Government recognised public schools at higher rates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the teaching staff in such schools is being exploited and given less than the approved and prescribed minimum wages of the Delhi Administration and they are forced to sign on the three times more than the actual payments made to them; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue necessary directives for such recognised and unrecognised/ registered public schools of Delhi regarding fees to be charged from the students as per their standard/level of class and also direct them for paying the salaries to their teaching staff compulsorily by cheque instead in cash?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaints are sometimes received against the un-aided private schools for charging high fees and payment of lower salaries to the teachers. The managements of such schools are competent to enhance the tuition fee at the beginning of the academic session for which prior approval of the Govt. is not required. As regards payment of less salary, Delhi Administration takes necessary action on receipt of specific complaints in this regard. Delhi Administration also issues instructions to the private recognised schools from time to time to follow the provisions of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and Rules made thereunder.

Delhi Administration have accordingly issued such instruction on 18-6-92 to all recognised private schools regarding charging of fees and other charges. Instructions regarding payment of salary through cheques have also been issued by the Delhi Administration.

Opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas

3396. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in each State and Union Territory to open Navodaya Vidyalayas in each district;

(b) in how many districts in each State Union Territory such Vidyalayas have yet to be opened; and

(c) what is the programme for opening Navodaya Vidyalayas in rest of the districts as referred to in part (b) above?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) State-wise details of Districts where Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned and District to be covered is gievn in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The Government aims at present, to set up one Navodaya Vidyalaya, on an average, in each district of the country if possible during the next three years, subject to availability of resources and receipt of suitable proposals from the State Govt./U.T. Administrations.